

Notice of Allowability

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 09/02/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-4, 6-12 and 14-18.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Philip Tran
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The invention as claimed. Claims 2, 10 and 18 specially include limitations based upon sharing state memory among at least message topic server, first and second message routers to store both message traffic data and network configuration data; response to a communication fault in least at one of message router, data consumer, message topic server, re-synchronizing interprocess communications connection from the share state memory; and transmitting data messages from said data publisher over said interprocess communication connection, to the data consumer, after said interprocess communication has be resynchronized. Although system and method for resuming the flow of message or re-subscription after a communication fault are firmly documented by cited prior art, the sharing state memory among at least message topic server, first and second message routers to store both message traffic data and network configuration data; response to a communication fault in least at one of message router, data consumer, message topic server, re-synchronizing interprocess communications connection from the share state memory; and transmitting data messages from said data publisher over said interprocess communication connection, to the data consumer, after said interprocess communications connection has be resynchronized limitations are novel and the invention is patentable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert J. Sacco (Registration No. 35,667) on November 27, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

The title of the invention is changed to: **"A System and Method for Re-synchronizing Interprocess Communications Connection between Consumer and Publisher Applications by using a Shared State Memory among Message Topic server and Message Routers"**.

The claims of the invention have been amended as follows

2 (Currently amended) A distributed messaging method for publishing topical data messages in a communications network comprising:

receiving in a first message router from a data consumer a request to subscribe to a message topic;

responsive to receiving said subscription request, retrieving from a message topic server a location of a second message router communicatively linked to a data publisher able to provide data messages consonant with said requested message topic;

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sharing state memory among at least said message topic server, said first message router and said second message router to store both message traffic data and network configuration data;

establishing an interprocess communications connection between said first and second message routers;

~~responsive to a communication fault~~ detecting a communications interruption in at least one of said first message router, said second message router, said data consumer, and said message topic server,

re-synchronizing said interprocess communications connection from said shared state memory, said re-synchronizing including terminating said subscription, retrieving from said message topic server a location of any message router communicatively linked to any data publisher able to resume said providing of said data messages consonant with said requested message topic, and establishing an interprocess communications connection between said first message router and said any message router communicatively linked to said any data publisher able to resume said providing of said data messages; and

~~transmitting data messages from said data publisher over said interprocess communications connection~~ resuming a transmission of said data messages from said data publisher, to said data consumer, after said interprocess communication connection has been resynchronized using said interprocess communications connection between said first message router and said any message router

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communicatively linked to said any data publisher able to resume said providing of said data messages.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[5]] 2, wherein said detecting step comprises:

detecting a communications break between said data publisher and said second router.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[5]] 2, wherein said detecting step Comprises:

detecting a communications break between said first and second routers.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[5]] 2, wherein said detecting step comprises:

detecting said data publisher terminating publication of said requested message topic.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[5]] 2, wherein said step of establishing an interprocess communications connection between said first message router and said message router communicatively linked to [[a]] said any data publisher able to resume

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said providing of said data messages comprises re-establishing an interprocess communications connection between said first and second message routers.

10. (Currently amended) A machine readable storage medium, having stored thereon a computer program for publishing topical data messages in a communications network, said computer program having a plurality of code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

receiving in a first message router from a data consumer a request to subscribe to a message topic;

responsive to receiving said subscription request, retrieving from a message topic server a location of a second message router communicatively linked to a data publisher able to provide data messages consonant with said requested message topic;

sharing state memory among at least said message topic server, said first message router and said second message router to store both message traffic data and network configuration data;

establishing an interprocess communications connection between said first and second message routers;

~~responsive to a communication fault~~ detecting a communications interruption in at least one of said first message router, said second message router, said data consumer, and said message topic server,

re-synchronizing said interprocess communications connection from said shared state memory, said re-synchronizing including terminating said subscription, retrieving

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from said message topic server a location of any message router communicatively linked to any data publisher able to resume said providing of said data messages consonant with said requested message topic, and establishing an interprocess communications connection between said first message router and said any message router communicatively linked to any data publisher able to resume said providing of said data messages; and

~~transmitting data messages from said data publisher over said interprocess communications connection~~ resuming said transmission of said data messages from said data publisher, to said data consumer, after said interprocess communication connection has been re-synchronized using said interprocess communications connection between said first message router and said any message router communicatively linked to said any data publisher able to resume said providing of said data messages.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) The machine readable storage of claim [[13]] 10, wherein said detecting step comprises:

detecting a communications break between said data publisher and said second router.

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15. (Currently amended) The machine readable storage of claim [[13]] 10, wherein said detecting step comprises:

detecting a communications break between said first and second routers.

16. (Currently amended) The machine readable storage of claim [[13]] 10, wherein said detecting step comprises:

detecting said data publisher terminating publication of said requested message topic.

17. (Currently amended) The machine readable storage of claim [[13]] 10 wherein said step of establishing an interprocess communications connection between said first message router and said message router communicatively linked to [[a]] said any data publisher able to resume said providing of said data messages comprises reestablishing an interprocess communications connection between said first and second message routers.

18. (Currently Amended) A distributed messaging system for transmitting topical data messages from data publishers to data consumers comprising:

a message topic server;

a first message router;

a second message router;

a data consumer communicatively linked with said first message router;

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a data publisher communicatively linked with said second message router;
said first message router receiving from said data consumer a request to
subscribe to a message topic and, responsive to receiving said subscription request,
retrieving from said message topic server a location of said second message router;
wherein state memory is shared among at least said message topic server, said
first message router and said second message router to store both message traffic data
and network configuration data, an interprocess communications connection is
established between said first message router and said second message router, data
messages are transmitted from said data publisher over said interprocess
communications connection to said data consumer, and responsive to a communication
fault in at least one of said first message router, said second message router, said data
consumer, and said message topic server, said interprocess communications
connection is re-synchronized from said shared state memory;

wherein said interprocess communication connection is re-synchronized by
terminating said subscription, retrieving from said message topic server a location of
any message router communicatively linked to any data publisher able to resume said
providing of said data messages consonant with said requested message topic, and
establishing an interprocess communications connection between said first message
router and said any message router communicatively linked to any data publisher able
to resume said providing of said data messages; and

wherein said distributed messaging system resumes a transmission of said data
messages from said data publisher, to said data consumer, after said interprocess

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communication connection has been re-synchronized using said interprocess communications connection between said first message router and said any message router communicatively linked to said any data publisher able to resume said providing of said data messages.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Oanh Duong whose telephone number is (571) 272-3983. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday, 2:00PM - 10:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on (571) 272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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November 27, 2005

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